1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 6 7 SUSAN MARIE BANKOSZ, 8 Plaintiff. Case No. 2:12-cv-01502-JCM-PAL 9 VS. **ORDER** 10 BIG DADDY'S ICHABOD'S 1, INC., et al., Motion for Exception from ENE Attendance (#27) 11 Defendants. 12 13 This matter comes before the Court on Defendants' Request for Exception from Attendance 14 at Early Neutral Evaluation ("ENE") (#27), filed on January 16, 2013. Plaintiff filed a timely 15 Opposition (#28) on January 16, 2013. The ENE for this case is scheduled for February 7, 2013. Defendants seek exception from the attendance requirement for representatives of their insurance 16 17 carriers Companion Property and Hanover Insurance. Representatives for both carriers reside in New England and are willing to participate in the ENE telephonically. Although mindful of the 18 19 burden of travel, the Court agrees with Plaintiff that personal attendance at ENEs is integral to their 20 success. Therefore, at least one representative with full settlement authority from at least one of 21 Defendants' insurance carriers shall be present at the February 7, 2013 ENE. Accordingly, 22 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's Request for Exception from Attendance at 23 Early Neutral Evaluation (#27) is **denied**. 24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at least one representative with full settlement authority 25 from at least one of Defendants' insurance carriers shall be present at the February 7, 2013 ENE. 26 DATED this 23rd day of January, 2013. 27 28

United States Magistrate Judge